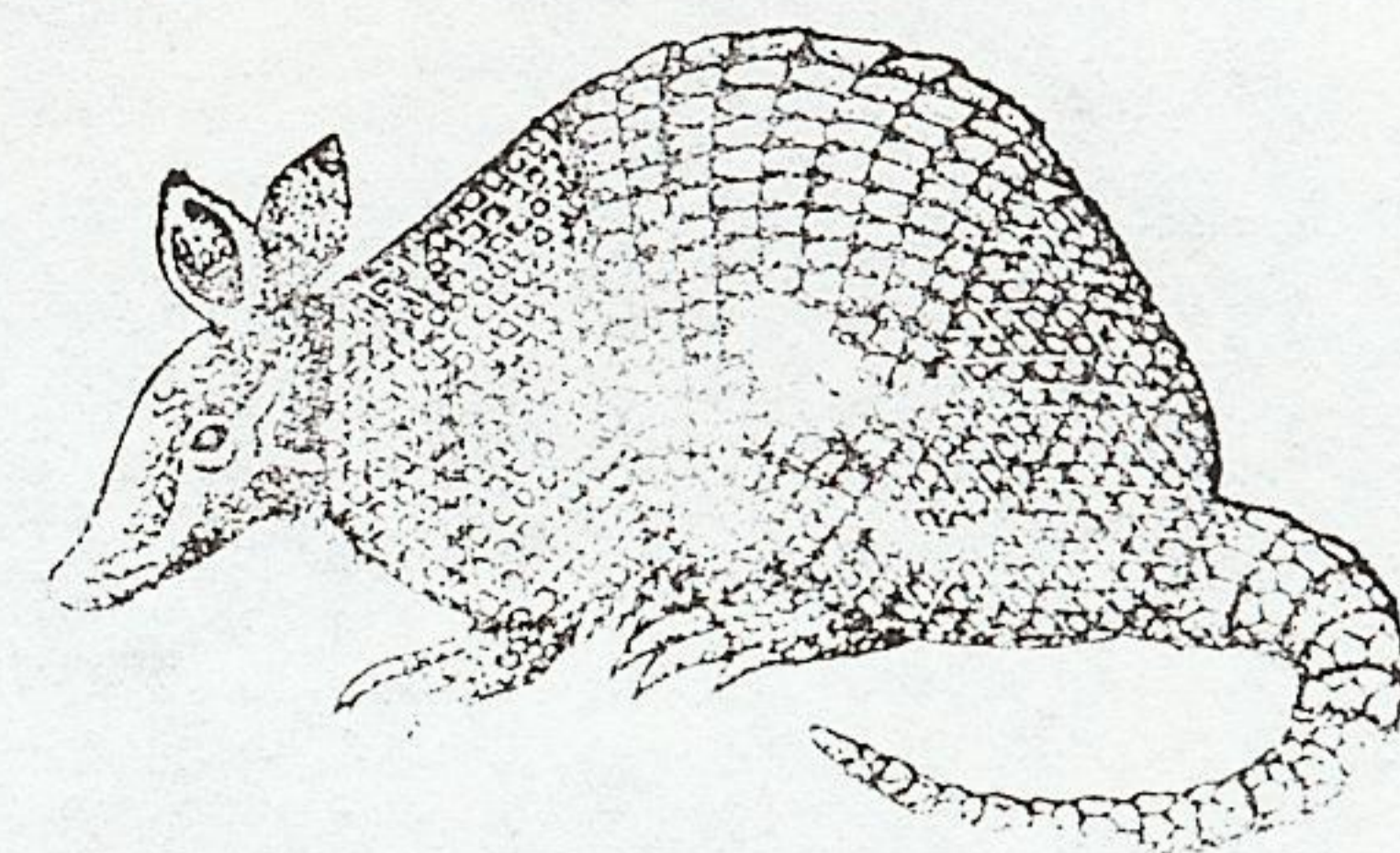


# ARMADILLO ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Dear Armadillos:

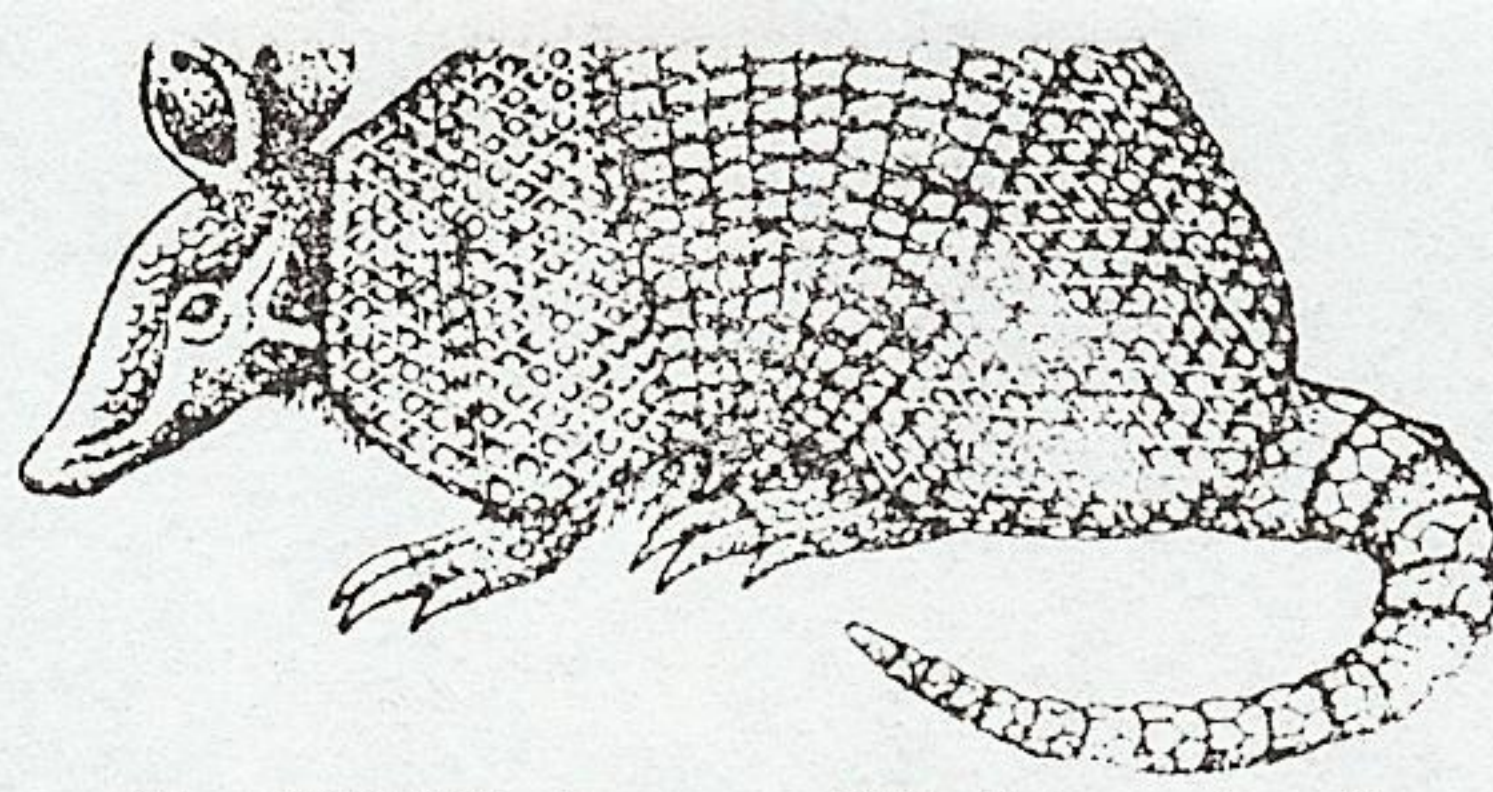
Our July luncheon at the Cooking & Hospitality Institute of Chicago, Inc. was a lot of fun, as was the prior month's lunch at the CBA with Hilary's Hatmaker, Linda Campisano. I tried to think of someplace we could eat outdoors for our last official summer outing, but most small cafes do not accommodate our large size. So, I thought that while the weather is still good we should go down to North Pier and have lunch at the Old Carolina Crabhouse. Afterwards, those of us who do not have to rush right back might sit out on the dock, enjoy a cold drink, and ponder the miracles and mysteries of our profession and lives. Accordingly, we will next convene at 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 22, 1996 at the Old Carolina Crabhouse. **Please RSVP to me (627-0928) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21 if you will attend.** The restaurant is on the second level of **NORTH PIER** at the east end. Again, for new members, we typically just order from the menu, add a tip and divide the bill equally by all attending. Lunch usually runs between \$10 to \$15.

We have a lot of good news this month. Amy Paulus and Kim Kearney have been elected partners at Clausen Miller. Congratulations to both! Apparently Clausen has reversed its approximately 4 or 5 year old policy of secret ballot voting for partnership, which policy only led to the election of two or three partners a year. This year's old style, arm-bending open voting led to the election of 15 new partners, many of whom were long overdue to receive their just rewards for long hours and good lawyering. As many of you know, I used to work at Clausen, and I loved it. There are a lot of good people there. With the apparent renewed opportunities for advancement, I would encourage anyone who is interested in an environmental litigation position to call new partner Amy Paulus. It is my understanding that the vacancy left when Ann Frolik moved to Sonnenschein has not yet been filled.

In addition, Vicky Russell advises that she has been authorized to hire another attorney. The following advertisement is being placed for the position:

Cohn & Russell, which represents a national multi-line insurance company in coverage litigation throughout the United States, has an immediate opening for an experienced insurance coverage litigator. Applicants with at least five years of experience representing insurance companies in environmental and/or long-term exposure coverage litigation who are interested in joining a sophisticated, small firm practice should send their resumes to:

Cohn & Russell, 35 West Wacker Drive, Suite 3630, Chicago, IL 60601; FAX: 312-629-0761. ATTN: Mary Corrigan, EOE, M/F/D/V... No phone calls, please.



Although the ad says "no phone calls," Vicky will be glad to talk to interested Armadillos. This is another great office with some very congenial people. You already know Vicky, of course. I used to work with Mike Baughman at Clausen and consider him to be quite a character. It was a pleasure working with him.

Finally, even though they recently hired one person, Stellato & Schwartz is still looking for another coverage litigation associate. Good coverage attorneys seem to be in demand. Call Esther Schwartz or Bob Muhr if you are interested. Unfortunately, I have never met Esther or Bob. If Esther could find another good associate to help her with all that work she has, she might have time to come to lunch with us.

Also, I am aware of another position with a small firm (less than 15 attorneys) for an attorney with 2 to 3 years of experience. The firm's practice is about 80% admiralty, with the rest divided between coverage and defense. For more information, give me a call.

Although everyone probably already knows, Bridget Kelly Galane gave birth to William on July 5. He was a little thing, just like Bridget. They plan to call him Liam. Its an Irish thing. In keeping with that theme, I went to the Notre Dame bookstore and got the little guy a Fighting Irish playsuit.

We have some new affiliate members. From Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, LLP we have Kathy Waring (San Diego office) and Kimball (Kim) Lane (New York office). From Reed McClure in Seattle, Washington, Mary DeYoung (friend of Marty Hollingsworth) has joined us. Next month's luncheon will be on Wednesday, September 18, the day before the MECA (Midwest Environmental Claims Association) conference begins. Some Armadillo attendees, such as Marty, plan to come in the day before and will hopefully be able to attend that luncheon. In next month's Announcements I plan to provide you with some info on these new affiliates. Meanwhile, keep them in mind when looking for local counsel, non-local counsel or recommendations for good restaurants in Seattle, New York and San Diego. If you are in their cities on business or pleasure, give them a call. Maybe they will have time for lunch.

Finally, in case you have not noticed, summer is almost over. Next weekend, I will be sending my two oldest off to college. Thank goodness I still have Matt, the 15 year old party animal, at home to keep me entertained. Since, from the bios, I seem to have some of the oldest children in the group AND since some of the bios indicated that advice on child rearing would be welcomed, I would like to share lessons learned this summer.

Matt and his friends have become avidly interested in fishing. Thus, I have been spending my summer arranging fishing opportunities, buying fishing equipment and books and cooking fish. Yesterday I brought Matt a fishing encyclopedia that told absolutely everything you could ever want to know about fishing. When I gave him the book, he was so excited, he kicked out two girls (one of whom I recently learned is nick-named "Easy T") so he could read the book. This could be a valuable tip in the future: Substitute fish book for girls.

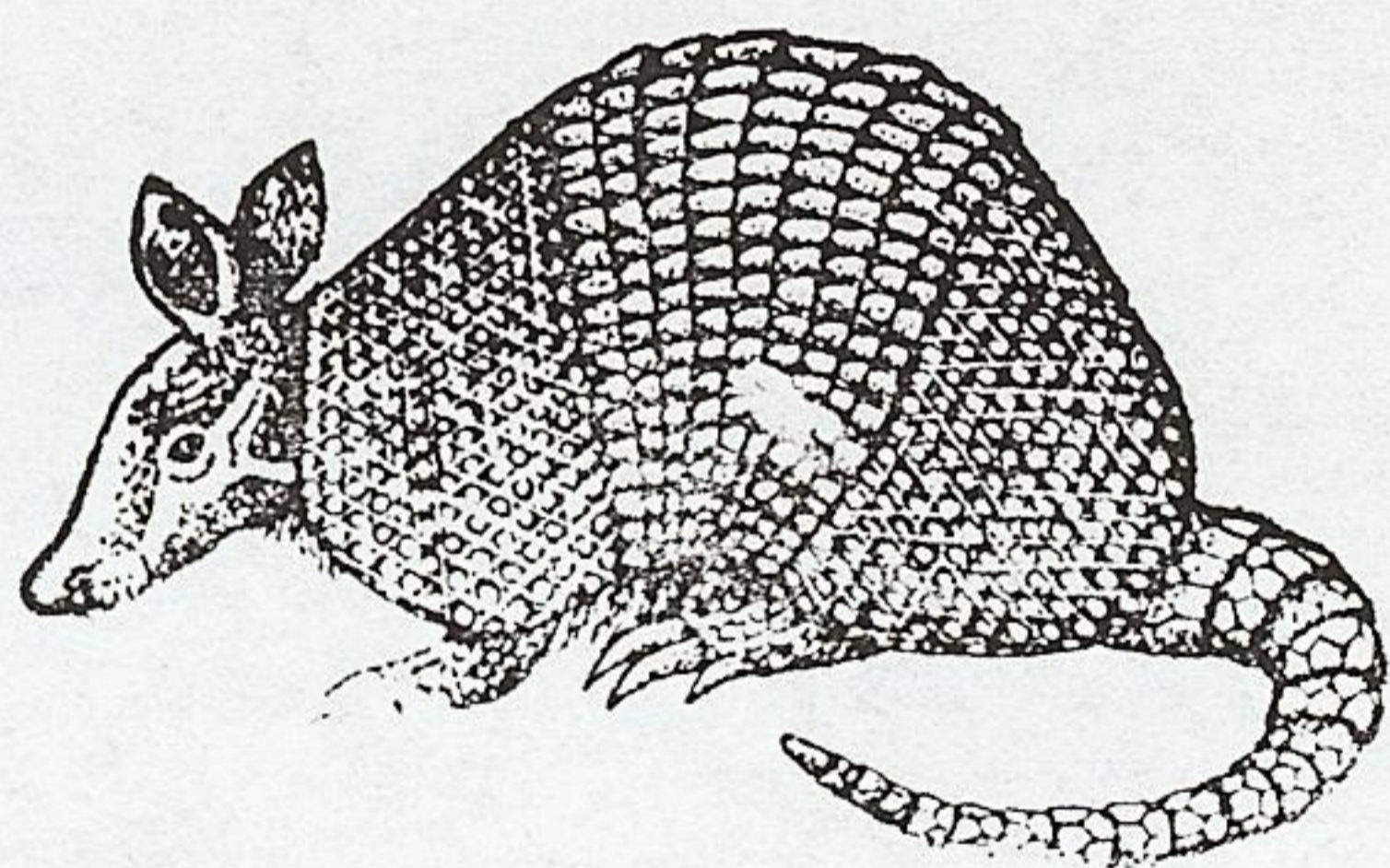
Another lesson: before deciding which sports your child should play, research the sport camps that will be available to them as they grow older. For instance, I wasted a lot of summers taking Matt to the summer tennis camps run by high school and college kids. This summer, however, I finally found the best camp for my child: The Blackhawks Ice Hockey Camp run by Chris Chelios and Jeremy Roenik. Its a fairly small camp with lots of opportunities to talk to and get signatures from many Blackhawk players. Chelios and Roenik skate with the kids daily. I have a great picture of Chelios on my fireplace mantle- oh yeah, Matt's in the picture too.

Now for my last lesson, which is a more serious one. At a couple of our luncheons, we discussed thyroid problems and how thyroid deficiencies have severely affected some of our members. For the past two or three years, my daughter has had various ailments most of which I attributed to the physical stresses of being the captain of the varsity cheerleaders and teaching gymnastics at a local gymnastics school. She underwent various tests over the years. When her bones or back hurt, I took her to an bone doctor who then referred her to a kidney doctor. She went to several specialists, but never had her thyroid or hormone levels checked.

When she came back from Purdue this spring, I took her to Northwestern for a checkup, and it was discovered that her thyroid was non-functional and was twice its normal size. To make a long story short, she is now on thyroid medicine every day for the rest of her life and is much better. I am not sure what the lesson is, except that if I had taken her to a good generalist first, he would have been in a better position to recommend which specialist she should have seen. Her ailments were usually isolated to a particular part of her body. Nothing told me she needed a good overall check up, and the specialists to which I chose to take her, only focused upon and ruled out their particular areas. I guess the lesson is that I should have stuck to practicing law. As an aside, as a result of our luncheon discussions, I was at least somewhat familiar with the issue when she was diagnosed.

If anyone wants me to include info of interest (apt for rent, good used car for sale, tips for good fishing spots, book reviews, upcoming events, etc.) just fax, mail or call me. I'll put it in the next letter. I seem to be developing a rhythm for having luncheons during the third or fourth week of the month and sending out the Announcement the first or second week.

If you got an extension on your taxes (like me), remember they are due this week! I will close on that happy thought. Hope to see you on August 22.



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